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Men's Crew Lands New Head Coach

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The UCLA men's crew will have a new head coach for the upcoming season. He is Paul Mokha. Coach Mokha comes to UCLA from Barry University in Florida where he was the head women's crew coach. In the 2006 NCAA Championship Regatta he led his crew to a 2nd place team finish. While at Barry University, he coached his crews to multiple Sunshine State Conference Championships, Dad Vail Regatta Championships, and was named the Sunshine State Conference and Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" in 2006.

In addition to his work at Barry, Coach Mokha was Assistant Coach to the U.S. Women's National Team in 1997 and 1998 where he assisted with the selection and preparation of crews for the World Championships and coached the Women's Open Four without coxswain to a fourth-place finish at the 1997 World Games.

Paul was the women's varsity coach at the University of Miami from 1994-97. At Miami, he coached several crews to championships in Florida, the Southern Regionals and Dad Vail Regattas.

As a coxswain, he was a three-year varsity letterman at Temple University. He received a Bachelors degree in Business Administration (concentration in Marketing) from Temple in 1989.

Paul was a member of the U.S. National Team at the 1990, 1994, and 1995 World Championships. In 1994 he coxed the U.S. National Lightweight Team to victory at the Henley Royal Regatta.

Beginning at Temple, Coach Mokha has worked with or been coached by some of the best coaches in the world. This list includes Mike Teti (current U.S. National Team Men's Coach), Mike Spracklen (current Canadian National Team Men's Coach), and Hartmut Buschbacher (former U.S. National Team Women's Coach).

Paul is married to Cleveland, Ohio native, Monique Butcher Mokha PhD, who is a professor of Sports Medicine at Barry University and director of the Graduate program in Biomechanics. They have a 5-year-old son, Sanjay. Very soon, Paul will have a UCLA e-mail address; for now, he can be reached at:



Coach Paul Mokha

pmokha@yahoo.com.

As is evidenced by his accomplishments as a coach and as a coxswain, we have found one of the best coaches in the country and one who can lead the UCLA Men's Crew to the next level. We have now put in place a major building block necessary to our reaching our long-term objectives.

The Friends of UCLA Men's Rowing want to extend a huge heartfelt "Thank You" to Barry Berkett '74, Jim Jorgensen '70, and Coach Erinn McMahan who were instrumental in the hiring of Coach Mokha.



Results of the 2006 Season



San Diego Crew Classic

Four Bruin oarsmen, seniors David Hampton, Patrick Joseph, Justin Price, and Bryan Kitch '05, combined with Max Frasca (UC Berkeley '04) and three oarsmen from the New York Athletic Club to finish a strong third in the Open 8 division at the San Diego Crew Classic. They were defeated by Stanford and the Bihvar Rowing Club, a team filled with ex-national team rowers. Both the heat and the grand final were decided in the last few meters with UCLA and Bihvar battling to the very end.



Stanford Invitational

A mid-April trip to Redwood Shores saw a dominating victory by the Bruins over Santa Clara University. The Varsity 8 (with five novice oarsmen in the boat) rowed to a 16-second victory. The Freshman/Novice 8 coasted to a 14-second victory.



USC Dual Meet

The annual dual meet with the



Trojans was highlighted by strong performances from the new generation of Bruin oarsmen. The Novice/Freshman 8 (which featured three oarsmen who also raced in the Varsity 8 race that day!) rowed to a 5-second victory. The Freshmen/Novice 4 dominated their counterparts from USC winning by 13 seconds. In the Varsity 8 race the Bruins boated five novices who came up 5 seconds short of the winning USC boat. The Varsity 4, which came into the race with a 3-0 record, had a rough race and lost by 7 seconds.

Pac-10 Championships

The Varsity 4 ended the 2006 season on a positive note with a bronze medal, the Crew's first Pac-10 medal in over a decade. The Varsity 4 included seniors David Hampton, Patrick Joseph, Justin Price, freshman 3-seat Martin Reschke, along with sophomore coxswain Sarah Koff. California won the race followed by the University of Washington. The

Freshmen/Novice 8 finished fifth in the grand final.

Pacific Coast Rowing Championships

At the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships (the day before the Pac-10 Championships), the UCLA Men emerged victorious over conference rivals California and Washington State in the grand final of the Men's Novice Lightweight 4. Oarsmen Drew Van Wyk, Will Ary, Chris Crane, and David Blair, and coxswain Maxine Daniels, captured the gold medal with a time of 6:59.9. These were the same Lightweight oarsmen who, two weeks earlier, beat USC's Heavyweight Freshmen/Novice 4 by 13 seconds.



A Grateful Salute to Coach McMahan

Coach Erinn McMahan has taken on the position of Director of the UCLA Marina Aquatic Center. Erinn became coach at UCLA in 1996 at a time when, as a practical matter, there was no Men's program. For 10 seasons he has kept the program together and alive and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for the tireless work he has done for our

Crew. Coach McMahan will be recognized for his valuable contributions to the program at the 2007 Alumni Banquet (see details below).



Coach Erinn McMahan

Our Graduating Seniors

In May of 2006 after four years as the heart and soul of the UCLA rowing program, seniors David Hampton, Patrick Joseph, and Justin Price represented the Bruins for the last time at the Pac-10 Championships. Though their third-place finish in the Men's Varsity Four event wasn't what they had hoped for, they still garnered the program's first medal at the conference championships in over a decade. More significant than their racing results will be how their mentorship of a young team will resonate for years to come.

David Hampton was named to the Pac-10 All-Conference Team in 2004 and to the Pac-10 All-Academic Team in 2004, 2005, and 2006. He raced in the three-seat of the Frosh Four that finished in the top-10 at the 2003 IRA Regatta. At 6'8", he was the perfect 5-seat in the 2004 and 2005 Varsity 8s, and after a

summer racing for Penn AC he moved to the stroke seat of the 2006 Varsity 8+ and 4+. David has moved to Washington DC where he will attend medical school at Georgetown University.

Patrick Joseph was named to the Pac-10 All-Academic Team in 2004, 2005, and 2006 as a double major in history and political science. Like David, he was a part of the Frosh Four that finished in the top-10 at the 2003 IRA Regatta. Patrick spent three years in the Varsity 8, helping the Bruins to victories over, among others, Orange Coast College, USC, Washington State, and UC Irvine. While he prepares to apply for admission to law school, Patrick will remain in Los Angeles and help our coaching staff with the new group of novice oarsmen.

Justin Price was named to the Pac-10 All-Academic Team in 2004, 2005, and 2006. He

spent the majority of his rowing career in the Varsity 8, including the Bruins top-6 finish at the 2005 Pac-10 Championships. Never the tallest or heaviest oarsman in the boat, he more than made up for it with his unequalled work ethic and intensity. It was these qualities that helped drive the 2006 Varsity 4 to wins over Loyola Marymount, UC Irvine, and USD. Justin has moved to South Bend, IN where he will attend law school at Notre Dame.

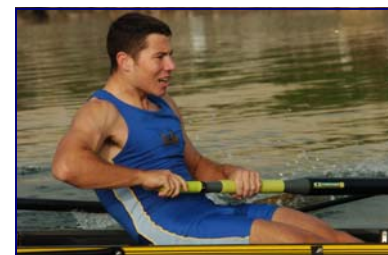
As a result of their leadership, these three leave the program in better shape than when they began. While we will miss them, we applaud these exemplary oarsmen who have truly embodied the ideal of the student-athlete and oarsman. Good luck men!



David Hampton



Patrick Joseph



Justin Price

News & Developments

This is a very interesting time for UCLA rowing. As you may be aware, the UCLA Men's Crew has suffered some difficult times over the last few years. Rowing is now a club sport and, due to tough financial demands, is fighting for its survival. Our long-time coach, Erinn McMahan, is moving on to a new job running the UCLA Aquatic Center at Marina del Rey. Erinn has done a great job of leading the crew through these last years, and having a good friend overseeing the marina facility will be ideal. Furthermore, as discussed above, Erinn's successor is Coach Paul Mokha and we are very excited about what he brings to the program.

Secondly, there is a building boom going on in the marina at this time. It looks as if the apartments behind the boat-house may be torn down, potentially providing us an opportunity to rebuild our boat-house and create more parking for our facility.

Last but not least, recent Title IX rulings on Men's Varsity Sports have pointed toward a more open/liberal interpretation and it looks as if there may be an opportunity in the near future for UCLA Men's Crew to attempt to regain varsity status.

These are all great things that place UCLA Men's Crew at a critical juncture where with

decisive action we can take a big step forward after some tough times. With that in mind, we want to reach out and maintain contact with all our alumni oarsmen and have everyone be part of the New Crew and lend their support wherever they can.

E-mail addresses are important to us. You can log on to the UCLA Men's Rowing website (www.uclamensrowing.org) at any time to add or update your contact information. Just click on the mailing list link, hit "update my information" and add your name and e-mail.



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Alumni Weekend 2006



*Duncan Henderson '71, Geoff Strand '70, Jim Jorgensen '70
1970 Stern 3 Pac-8 Champions*

It was no contest. The 2006 Alumni and Parent Weekend was better than ever! Well over 120 people attended the Saturday night banquet at the beautiful California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey. Located right on the water, the yachts and setting sun provided a gorgeous backdrop for the evening. Attendance surpassed 2005's banquet, with double the number of alumni and wives (90) returning to greet old friends and retell lies...um, I mean stories. A special thanks goes to Craig Leeds for helping to secure this great venue for our banquet.

This year's banquet recognized the 1966 varsity crew, the first to beat the University of California Golden Bears. Several members of that boat were present for the festivities, including Jim Sims, who provided the audience an entertaining recap of that breakthrough contest.

The silent auction fundraiser, including the annual auctioning of "naming rights" to the seats of the *Rigger Brown II*, was a big success, with more than \$16,000 raised for the benefit of the men's program.

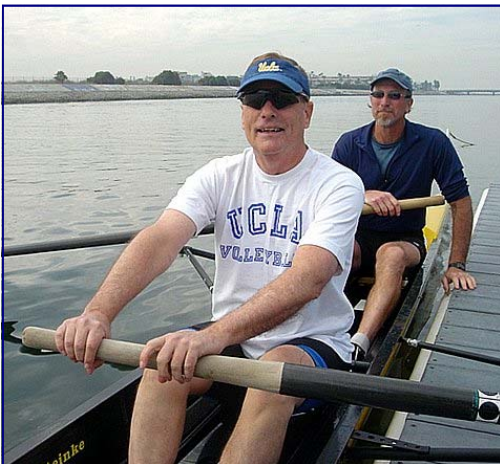
Sunday's alumni races and family BBQ at the boat-

house brought out supporters of all shapes, sizes and ages. Three boats of alumni met at the starting line in the Creek for the 1000-meter dash to glory... no rolling starts allowed this time! The winners earned bragging rights for a year; the two losing boats are already planning their revenge. The after-race BBQ on a beautiful sunny day was the perfect finish to the weekend.

Want to join us next year? It doesn't matter whether you rowed one year or four, in the 50s or the 90s, heavyweight or lightweight. You and your family are welcome to join your fellow Bruin oarsmen for a weekend of camaraderie, reminiscing and, if you choose, another turn at the oar.

Are you on the mailing list? It's the best way to ensure you receive an invitation to Alumni and Parent Weekend, March 10-11, 2007.

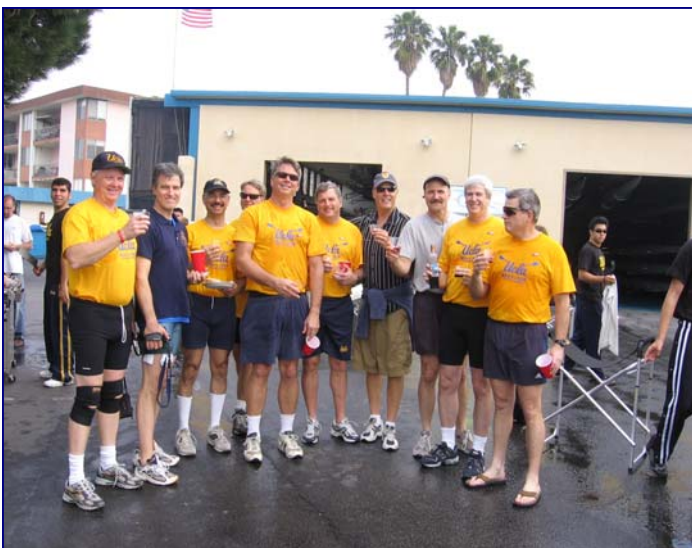
See you all next year!



*Charlie Jackson '72 (1972 LW Pac-8 Champion),
Craig Leeds '76; two and bow of the
winning alumni boat*



*Eric Stroh '86, Craig Tilson '80, Angie Johnson '84 and Craig Webster '89
in the winning alumni boat*



Classes of '73, '74, '75 alumni boat



Class of '75 alumni oarsmen

Alumni Weekend 2007, March 10 & 11

Alumni Weekend 2007 will be held on March 10th and 11th. Saturday night's banquet will again be held at the California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey. Alumni boat races and family BBQ will be Sunday morning at the boathouse. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Contact your teammates!

The program will recognize Coach McMahan's decade of service to the program, as well as the 1987, 1988, and 1989 varsity crews.

The year 2007 marks the 20th anniversary of only the third (and last) UCLA Crew to win a Pac-10 Championship...and it

was accomplished in a very dramatic fashion. The 1987 victory was followed by championships in 1988 and 1989, making these crews the only Bruins to repeat and "three-peat". Come hear the story first-hand of what it was like to be a part of those crews.

Alumni Weekend, March 10 & 11, 2007. A celebration of retiring Coach McMahan and the Pac-10 three-peat champions '87, '88, '89.

Alumni Reunions

At least two groups of alumni (1977-79 and 1980-83) are currently planning reunions of their boatmates. Did you row during one of these eras? Want to reconnect with your teammates, squeeze into your old racing shirt, and show off photos of your house at the lake? You're encouraged to join in.

If you rowed in '77-'79, contact Tim Powers at 214-651-5610 or timothy.powers@haynesboone.com

If you rowed in '80-'83, contact Charlie Hughes at 949-510-7459 or hughesc@svusd.org and Joe Carlson at 402-212-2841 or carlson1143@charter.net.

Want to organize a reunion for your old teammates? Need help locating the gang? Kevin Curran '75, the "Keeper of the Alumni Database," will work with any alumni to contact former oarsmen for a get-together. Contact him at: icaryabdge@aol.com. Then start planning your boat for next year's alumni races!



George Davall, R. Noel Hatch and Bill Houghton in 1955

Recruiting: How You Can Help

Do you know a young man who would make a good oarsman...with or without high school rowing experience...who would be interested in attend-

ing UCLA...or, better yet, **WILL BE** attending UCLA? If so, contact Head Coach Paul Mokha at: pmokha@yahoo.com. He'd

like to meet him and explain the benefits of being a UCLA oarsman.



Who is standing on the right with Bill Houghton in this 1955 photo in Newport Beach?

Can You Volunteer?

The Friends of UCLA Men's Rowing (FOUR) is looking for enthusiastic alumni, family and friends willing to volunteer their time to help the Men's Crew. FOUR has established committees to plan the 2007 alumni weekend, keep the web-

site current and fresh, administer its fundraising efforts, and report and publish the Stroke-watch. If you have a few hours a month to help on one of these committees, FOUR would love to hear from you.

Interested? If so, send an e-mail with your name, address and areas of interest to FOUR President Alex Frasco at: alex@bfcpas.com. You'll be contacted to discuss available opportunities.

Help Us Find Our Missing Alumni

The UCLA Men's Crew has no addresses and e-mails for almost 300 of its alumni! Can you help us locate them? Go to: www.uclamensrowing.org, and click on the "Help us lo-

cate our missing alumni!" link on the front page. You can search for an oarsman by last name, approximate class year, or view the entire list at once. If you recognize any of "the

missing" and know how to contact them, send their information to Kevin Curran '75 at: icaryabdge@aol.com. He'll follow up.



The 1955 crew loads up its trailer outside the team's boathouse on Ballona Creek at Playa Del Rey

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About FOUR and Your Contributions



The Friends of UCLA Men's Rowing (FOUR) provides financial support and assistance to the UCLA men's rowing program. The Men's Crew is wholly self-financed by the oarsmen, alumni, and friends and for the program to continue to grow and prosper, it is vital that new sources of revenue be found. One of the most important functions of FOUR is building the Men's Crew Endowment. A gift to the endowment will provide for the program in perpetuity.

These are extraordinary times for the UCLA Men's Crew. This new era begins with an exceptional coach, an enthusiastic resurgence of support by

alumni and most importantly the crew's commitment to explore the potential of its members. This collective sacrifice will lead to memorable Bruin performances. Be sure you support their efforts by digging deep, remembering lessons you learned while pulling a blue and gold oar.

Your contribution...ALL CONTRIBUTIONS...are needed and appreciated!

FOUR is a non-profit organization as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is affiliated with the UCLA Alumni Association. Funds raised by FOUR become part of the UCLA Foun-

dation. Your donations to FOUR are tax deductible.

To contribute funds to the Men's Crew Endowment, please indicate on your check that you would like it to go toward the endowment. Your check should be made payable to FOUR; mail it to:

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